Organization Now!

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Organization is one of those things I think I'm a master of... until suddenly I look around and realize things have gotten out of hand (again). Stuff everywhere it isn't supposed to be, odds and ends piled up — you know how it goes, right? Suddenly the chaos builds up til you want to shout "Serenity NOW!" And then it's time to take action! In the ongoing and never-ending battle towards organizing my home, I came up with this week's free pattern. A fun and easy hanging basket that I've dubbed Organization Now!



Organizing can look good with the Organization Now! hanging crochet basket. Which you don't have to hang – it looks great just sitting there too! And as written it's just the right size for my stash of microfiber cleaning cloths, or a dog leash and waste bag dispenser, or a collection of crochet hooks, or... well, you get the idea. It's easy to upsize or downsize as needed, and paired with one of those stick anywhere hooks you'll be on your way to a relaxed, photo ready home! At least for a few hours.



Organization Now! Crochet Hanging Basket Pattern

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• US – G, 4.00mm hook

- 150 yards (3.3 oz) worsted weight yarn in Color A, plus 3 yards of Color B (Bernat Handicrafter shown)
- Click for video tutorials: magic circle; bpsc in a sc row; seamless join

Make the Bottom/Base: (using Color A)

Round 1: Starting with a magic circle, ch 1 and work 6 sc in the ring. Join to first sc with a sl st. (6 sts)

Round 2: Ch 1, work 2 sc in each st around. Join to first sc of the round with a sl st. (12 sts)

Round 3: Ch1, sc in the first st, 2 sc in the next st. *Sc in the next st, 2 sc in the next st. Repeat from * to end. Join to first sc of the round with a sl st. (18 sts)

Round 4: Ch1, sc in the first st, sc in the next st, 2 sc in the next st. *Sc in the next 2 sts, 2 sc in the next st. Repeat from * to end. Join to first sc of the round with a sl st. (24 sts)

Round 5: Ch1, sc in the first st, sc in the next 2 sts, 2 sc in the next st. *Sc in the next 3 sts, 2 sc in the next st. Repeat from * to end. Join to first sc of the round with a sl st. (30 sts)

Round 6: Ch1, sc in the first st, sc in the next st, 2 sc in the next st. *Sc in the next 4 sts, 2 sc in the next st. Repeat from * until 2 sts remain. Sc in the last 2 sts. Join to first sc of the round with a sl st. (36 sts)

Round 7: Ch1, sc in the first st, sc in the next 4 sts, 2 sc in the next st. *Sc in the next 5 sts, 2 sc in the next st. Repeat from * to end. Join to first sc of the round with a sl st. (42 sts)

Round 8: Ch1, sc in the first st, sc in the next 5 sts, 2 sc in the next st. *Sc in the next 6 sts, 2 sc in the next st. Repeat from * to end. Join to first sc of the round with a sl st. (48 sts)

Round 9: Ch1, sc in the first st, sc in the next 6 sts, 2 sc in the next st. *Sc in the next 7 sts, 2 sc in the next st. Repeat from * to end. Join to first sc of the round with a sl st. (54 sts)

Round 10: Ch1, sc in the first st, sc in the next 3 sts, 2 sc in the next st. *Sc in the next 8 sts, 2 sc in the next st. Repeat from * until 4 sts remain. Sc in the last 4 sts. Join to first sc of the round with a sl st. (60 sts)

Round 11: Ch1, sc in the first st, sc in the next 8 sts, 2 sc in the next st. *Sc in the next 9 sts, 2 sc in the next st. Repeat from * to end. Join to first sc of the round with a sl st. (66 sts)

Make the Sides:

Round 12: Ch 1, bpsc in each st around. Join to first st of the round with a sl st. (66 sts)

Round 13: Ch 2 (does not count as first st), dc in each st around. Join to first dc of the round with a sl st. (66 sts)

Round 14: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join to first sc of the round with a sl st. (66 sts)

Rounds 15 - 30: Repeat Rounds 13 - 14 eight times. Turn (this is the ONLY turn in this pattern, and for the remainder of the pattern you'll be working from the inside of the basket).

Round 31 - 34: (Working from the inside of the basket) Repeat Rounds 13 - 14 twice.

Round 35: Repeat Round 13. Break yarn and seamless join to 2nd st of the round.

Round 36: Using Color B, and continuing to work from inside the basket, join to last round with a sl st. Ch 1 and sc in each st around. Break yarn and seamless join.



Make the Hanging Loop (optional): Using Color A and leaving a 6 inch tail for sewing, ch to desired length (25 ch shown), break yarn and finish off. If desired, add a row of Color B sl sts to loop. Sew both ends of loop through Round 26, so that loop is on inside of basket. Weave in ends on ouside of basket. If desired, retain one end to sew down fold, as described below.

Fold It Now!

Fold over the top of the basket at Round 31, where you turned, so that Rows 31-36 are now right side out, and the fold hides where you

sewed on the loop. If desired, use the remaining end from the loop to sew down the fold and add some extra security to the loop.

Tah-dah! Now everything in your house is organized and in it's place, right? Well, maybe a couple more things than before. Better leave that yarn out to make a couple more baskets...

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